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Pongu language

Pongu (Pangu), or **Rin**, is a Kainji language spoken in Nigeria. There are about 20,000 speakers. Their main centre is in Pangu Gari town of Niger State, about 20 kilometres southeast of Tegina.[3]

Pongu	
Rin	
Tə-rĩ	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Niger State
Native speakers	30,000 (2003)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Kainji ▪ Shiroro ▪ Gurmana–Rin ▪ **Pongu**
Dialects	Rin Wəgə
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	png
Glottolog	pong1250 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/pong1250)[2]

Pongu (Rin)	
Person	Bwə-rĩ
People	A-rĩ
Language	Tə-rĩ

Clans

There are 8 Rin clans. They speak slightly different but mutually comprehensible dialects.[3]

- Ca-su
- Ca-undu
- A-sebi
- Ca-gere = Ca-majere
- A-baba = U-bwɔbwɔ
- A-wusi = A-kwa
- A-zhiga
- A-waga = Awəgə

The **Awəgə** may have been a different ethnic group that was assimilated into the Rin group. Awəgə was a distinct language related to Rin, and used to be spoken in some villages to the east of Zungeru. However, today it is nearly extinct. Blench (2012) was able to record a semi-speaker in Dikko village, near Luwa town, Rafi LGA. Two fluent speakers were reported in Gidan Gambo, near Pongu Gari.[3]

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